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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Applicant's correspondence filed on 24 Jan 2005 (Amendment,& Arguments) has been received and considered. Claims 1-14 are pending.

Claims

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Chen (5,991,737).

As per claim 1, Chen teaches or suggests “facilitating a transaction with a person listening to transmitted audible content” with his automated consumer response to publicly broadcast information:

“detecting an electronic request transmitted from said request device” (his consumer transmitter 18, col. 2, lines 55-56 which allows the user to send a request);

“matching said content to said deliverable” (suggested by his utilizing pattern recognition, [to] identify the songs, col. 4, lines 53-54);

“monitoring the transmission between the request device and the remote source to ensure complete transmission of the electronic request” (his order processor communicates with content identification processor 34 to obtain the contents of the broadcast information specified in the order, with the consumer transmitter to provide feedback or request additional information indicating that the transmission is indeed monitored and that feedback will be provided as necessary if the request information is not complete; and

“providing said deliverable” (his fulfillment of an end product or service to the consumer, col. 3, lines 45-46).

It is noted that Chen does not explicitly teach details for “matching said content”. However, he teaches that it is possible to store and recall data corresponding to broadcast information, col. 5, lines 50-51 and that broadcasts of songs may be matched utilizing pattern recognition, col. 4, lines 52-56. It would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skill in the pertinent art, at the time the invention was made, to combine the broadcast storage and pattern recognition taught by Chen because Chen teaches that the order processor may be automated or manual...utilizing either touch tones or voice recognition... or an interactive voice response system, col. 4, lines 61-67 which teaches that it is obvious to provide a wide variety of order mechanisms requiring certain data to be stored and recognized. Thus, the combination of storing and matching broadcasts of songs would have been obvious to facilitate ease of ordering as fairly suggested by Chen as noted above.

Claim 2: Receiving payment is inherent in the ordering process.

Claim 3: A remote location is obvious in view of his use of a cellular telephone, col. 2, lines 55-56.

Claim 4: "Obtaining profile information from a person...stored at a host site remote from said person" is taught by Chen in col. 4, lines 33-37 with his Fulfillment of an order can include a charge to a consumer account, which may be an account maintained by processing station 22 or an external account.

Claims 4-14 are rejected under similar arguments as applied to claims 1-3 above. It is clear that Chen teaches that a variety of transmitting and receiving mechanisms may be synchronized to allow manual or automatic transmission of necessary ordering information to include television, radio...tuning and current date and time, see col. 5, lines 23-55.

Claim 8: "...monitoring the transmission from the transmitter to ensure complete transmission of request from the request initiator to the remote service" (his order processor communicates with content identification processor 34 to obtain the contents of the broadcast information specified in the order, with the consumer transmitter to provide feedback or request additional information indicating that the transmission is indeed monitored and that feedback will be provided as necessary if the request information is not complete.

The argument (24 Jan 2005) on page 8 that the "monitoring..." step (claims 1) is not taught by Chen is clearly false as noted above.

The argument (24 Jan 2005) on page 8 that the "obtaining profile information...stored at a host site remote from said person" (claim 4) is also false as noted above regarding claim 4.

The argument (24 Jan 2005) on page 8 that "...monitoring the transmission from the transmitter to ensure complete transmission of request from the request initiator to the remote service" (claim 48) is not taught by Chen is also false as noted above.

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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